BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School

Committee was held on Monday, March 8, 2010, in the Cafeteria of Mt.

Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The

Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately

7:13 PM.

Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, William M.

O'Dell, Treasurer, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, Denise R. Arsenault,

John C. Bento, Diana B. Campbell, Karen A. Lynch and John P.

Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade,

Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration

and Finance; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel

Services; and Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; and

Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: none

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

DEMONSTRATION: Mt. Hope High School Robotics Team Project Mr. Ryan Garrity, IT Teacher at Mt. Hope High School, thanked Administration and the School Committee for their support; the club has grown from 12 to 30 students since last year. Many people including teachers Steve Eaton, Doug Sorem, Lauren Enjeti (art work), Laurel Thayer (mascot uniform), parents Mr. Capperotti and Mr. O'Brien, neighbor Greg Huffman, organizations and businesses -Ratheon, Rotary, Serpa's Dairy, and East Side Clinical Lab, have provided support with time, expertise and monetary donations. Mr. Garrity said the Mt. Hope Team also mentors other teams—the KMS Lego Team, Riverside Middle School Team and teams from other schools, namely Cranston, Davies and Coventry. The team competed in three competitions this year; they were semi-finalists in New Jersey, one team was a first place alliance winner in Massachusetts, and the group placed second at the Rhode Island competition this past weekend where the team also received the Motivator Award. At one of the competitions, student Joe Silvia demonstrated to Governor Don Carcieri how the robot works.

In looking ahead, Mr. Garrity would like to build a collaborative relationship with the Middle School; there are many females in the club at the middle level, but not so at the high school level. Mrs. McBride said she is proud of the students because of their work outside the group as well, helping other struggling teams and they deserve particular recognition for their willingness to exhibit helpfulness and promote education.

In response to Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Garrity explained the robot is different each year; the particulars of the competition are released in mid-September and they work approximately ten hours per week after school from that time to prepare. Mrs. Susan Rancourt asked if this can be offered to more students; Mr. Garrity said they are allowed twenty students which generates two teams; two or three students do the physical work on the robot, a few work on the programming component and some do the engineering log; six to seven is the optimum number per team.

Mrs. Thies added that all seventh graders cycle through the offering of robotics; we would be interested in expanding that at the high school if there is interest. Mrs. Thies commended Mr. Garrity for his continued support and involvement in robotics; he is a great role model for the students teaching cooperation and problem solving, lessons the students will need in order to be successful in life; she thanked Mr. Garrity for the countless hours he puts in.

Mr. Silva also thanked and congratulated Mr. Garrity and the students for all their effort; the results are amazing.

Mt. Hope students Keegan White-O'Brien, Kevin Reilly, Spencer Dennis, and Joseph Silvia, with the help of Amanda Crawley, demonstrated the two remote controlled robots they made that shoot wiffle balls at a target then pick them up.

PRESENTATION: FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE REPORT

Mrs. Lynch made the following introduction to the presentation:

"A year an a half ago, I sat as a fairly new school committee member at a meeting in Guiteras school where we were asked to vote on whether or not to close both Reynolds and Byfield Schools and which community of children would be moving into the newly renovated Colt Andrews School.

At that meeting, a parent came forward to tell us how they problem solved in the military. He talked about a process which created separate courses of action, separate groups that each focused on one possible solution to the problem. Those solutions were then pitted against each other to find the one that truly was the best solution. We said thank you to that parent for speaking and then proceeded to vote.

The decision was made by a 7-2 vote to close Byfield and Reynolds School at once putting both communities of children into the new Colt Andrews Complex and as a result the Arts Magnet Program was dissolved at the end of that school year.

In less than 8 months after that vote, we experienced our first surge in enrollment in Bristol which resulted in the infamous "bubble" classroom at Rockwell. The enrollment in both Bristol and Warren has continued to increase since then. That parent was Major John Bento and his experiences with how we handled that situation inspired him to run for school committee. He has been an integral part of the success of this Task Force.

The presentation you are about to hear, is an example of the process that John Bento was trying to get us to consider a year and a half ago. Although, I was the chair of this Task Force, John led us all in the process of good decision making. This Task Force worked together, researched all the possibilities, and truly feels confident that our recommendations were not made in haste, were not made based on political pressure and were made with the all the available facts."

Task Force Members

Karen Lynch Rebecca Fikiet

Task Force Chairwoman Hugh Cole/KMS Parent

John Bento Missy LaBonte

Task Force Member Guiteras Parent

Denise Arsenault Paul Silva

Task Force Member School Committee Chairman

John Saviano Cheryl Burns

School Committee Member Guiteras Parent

Bill O'Dell Kristin Quinn

School Committee Member Colt Andrews Parent

Melinda Thies Susan Rancourt

Superintendent Hugh Cole/KMS Parent

Mario Andrade Mary Almeida

Assistant Superintendent Executive Director of Literacy

Ed Mara Ken Marshall

Former Superintendent Bristol Town Council Chairman

David Barboza Diane Mederos

Bristol Town Council Member Bristol Town Administrator

Carol Anguilla Karen Binder

Former Rockwell PTO President Colt Andrews Parent

Randy Cloutier Cara Cromwell

Rockwell PTO President Colt Andrews PTO Co-President

Diane Williamson Jennifer Rosner

Bristol Community Development Director Joseph Ciullo

Diane Quesnelle Patrick Barry

Situation

In 2007, The Bristol Warren Regional School Committee commenced with Phase I of a two phase plan that would provide modernized and equitable school buildings to all students. Currently, the District boasts 7 state of the art school facilities.

NESDEC Study revealed that when the economy turns around, it is likely that Bristol and Warren will experience significant residential expansion and housing turnover resulting in increased student population (possibly 300-600 students).

Since the 2007-08 school year, the total elementary student enrollment in the District has increased by 58 students; it may be time to commence with Phase II or an alternate plan.

The Future Enrollment and Facilities Task Force was created in February 2009 to ensure the School Committee would make sound decisions on future classroom needs.

History of Original Bond Referendum

Phase I

- 1) Four classroom addition to Rockwell School to accommodate 2 full tracks of classrooms.
- 2) Two track addition to Hugh Cole School to accommodate 5 full tracks of classrooms.

3) Renovation and addition to Colt School and renovation to Andrews School to accommodate 3 full tracks of classrooms.

Phase II

1) New school to accommodate 2 tracks of classrooms.

OR

- 2) Renovate and build addition to Byfield School to accommodate 2 full tracks of classrooms.
- * With the completion of Phase I and II, 14 full tracks of classrooms for students would provide ample room for future growth in both Bristol and Warren.

Mission Statement

The Future Enrollment and Facilities Task Force seeks to explore short-term and long-term solutions to potential shortage of classroom space in the elementary schools in the Bristol Warren Regional School District

Short-Term Solution Recommendation

Adopt COA #1A and COA #1B simultaneously:

- Petition the General Assembly to approve our request to amend the enabling legislation via a referendum on the November ballot.
- Referendum request is to permit the District to transport elementary

students across town lines without parental consent. May be a temporary solution which precedes other COAs.

- Create a voluntary program at Hugh Cole School that provides flexibility and time to implement one of the long-term solutions (if needed).
- Task the Administration to develop and grow an innovative program within a time frame agreed upon by administration and School Committee.

Long-Term Solution Recommendation

• To renovate the Byfield School with an addition to accommodate two full tracks of classrooms as well as the School District's Administration is the long term recommendation of this committee. Due to the amount of money that would be required to open up any of Bristol's decommissioned school buildings, the Byfield School with an addition has the most long term advantages and least disadvantages educationally and fiscally.

Or

- Build a new school at a site to be determined
- If Byfield School is no longer available when the need arises, our recommendation is COA#2, the building of a new school.

Facts

- Regionalization legislation exists which prohibits elementary school children to cross town lines without parental permission.
- This legislation can only be amended by the voters in both Bristol and Warren.
- Due to contractual obligations, classroom teachers with an excess of 24 students are required to receive an additional stipend per student per day.
- A future classroom space crunch may or may not happen.

Assumptions

- When the housing market rebounds, many Baby Boomers will downsize their homes and likely sell to young families which will result in an increase in student population.
- If the economy does not improve, children who may have gone to private schools will be enrolled locally.
- The need to meet the minimum 10% requirement for low income housing will likely increase the amount of families with school age children entering the local schools.
- If local private schools close there will be an increase in public school attendees.
- Future development of large tracts of farmland and factory buildings in Warren and Bristol will increase student population.
- Families are moving to the Towns of Bristol and Warren to attend our high quality education program.

COURSE OF ACTION #1 – Use currently occupied school buildings to remedy potential overcrowding in the elementary population

Presented by Susan Rancourt

Mrs. Rancourt explained the group toured the schools and talked with principals; they made an exhaustive effort to look at all possibilities, including moving fifth graders to the middle school, or a single school for all K students.

Background

- Hugh Cole was built for 5-tracks of classrooms. It is currently being used for 4-tracks of classrooms plus one multi-age classroom, 2 pre-K classrooms and other support services. There are currently classrooms available in this building for additional students.
- Currently there are no Bristol Warren elementary programs that encourage elementary students to cross town lines with parental consent.
- Until there is a change in the enabling legislation, this administration cannot transport elementary students across town lines without parental permission.

Proposal

COA #1A

- Create a new school program in the Hugh Cole School.
- Create a survey to determine parental/student interests for a new program.
- Some suggestions include:
- Multi-cultural Program
- Math and Science Program
- Create a marketing plan to educate and entice parents and students into this new program.
- Initial plan will encompass 1 track of Warren students and 1 track of Bristol students.

COA #1B

- Seek support of the Bristol and Warren Town Councils to allow the voters to decide if they want to amend the enabling legislation regarding elementary students crossing town lines.
- Petition the General Assembly to approve our request to amend the enabling legislation via a referendum on the November ballot.
- A favorable vote in November will allow the District to transport elementary students across town lines regardless of parental consent. May be a temporary solution which precedes other COAs.

Advantages

- Least expensive solution
- Excellent short-term fix
- Gives BWRSD the reaction time and flexibility to implement a long-term solution
- Provides an opportunity to develop an innovative program
- Provides choices for parents
- A successful new program may eventually be integrated across all district elementary grade levels.

Disadvantages

- Doesn't provide any additional classroom space to the district.
- Students will spend more time on school busses traveling back and forth to school.
- A change of the enabling legislation may be needed if not enough parents choose to send their children to the new program at Hugh Cole.
- Parents may be reluctant to send their children to this program without a long-term commitment from the district.

COURSE OF ACTION #2: Build a New Elementary School Presented by Cara Cromwell

Background

Although an increase of students has occurred in several district

schools, housing increases tend to happen in the northern portion of Bristol.

- NESDEC study suggests: Building on land on the border of both towns.
- Naomi Street property was purchased by the town of Bristol for construction of a new school.

Cost

• Including the land, the cost for a new two-track school is estimated at between \$8M and \$10M.

*(Mt. Vernon Group – 2002)

*(This was if school was built on Naomi Street property.)

Advantages

• Brand new, modern building on a sufficient size piece of land to meet today's educational needs.

Disadvantages

- Cost
- Politically unpopular
- Voters have previously rejected plans for a school bond.
- Community opposition exists since there are unused school buildings on the Bristol Town Common.
- Elected officials would find it hard to justify additional expense when space is available at Hugh Cole.
- Serious permitting issues exist at the Naomi Street property.

- It is unclear whether appropriate property exists elsewhere.
- Department of Education and Department of Health regulations are more stringent:
- Application process takes 2-years for approval
- District must demonstrate need and show that other alternatives were considered
- Funding could be difficult to acquire

Mrs. Cromwell emphasized that every option was explored; she thanked Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Bento for their leadership saying much was accomplished and all concerned came together for this project.

COURSE OF ACTION #3: Re-Use of Current Building Presented by Denise Arsenault

Background

Upon inspection of all three unused Bristol school buildings, it was determined:

- Reynolds School requires a complete renovation and addition.
- Requires 2 additional classrooms and other space.
- Expansion unfeasible without acquiring neighboring property by eminent domain.
- Unsafe access to outdoor play/education (Street crossing required)
- Approximately 2.5 million dollars to renovate and bring up to code.

- Byfield School requires a complete renovation and addition of at least four classrooms, handicap accessibility and other required spaces.
- Approximately 4-6 million dollars to completely renovate up to code and build addition.
- School requires complete renovation
- Contains only 6 usable classrooms.
- Costs are prohibitive to renovate due to lightening strike and subsequent water damage to interior and exterior to the building.

Proposal

 Renovation and addition to the Byfield School, to encompass a two-track school and house the district administration

Advantages

- Ample space for expansion north of the building.
- With full use (upon renovation) of the 4 existing levels, the footprint to expand is kept to a minimum, impacting the land/waters to a lesser degree than other sites may present.
- The Town Common is available for outdoor play and instruction without children crossing High Street.

- With the addition of a separate entrance and elevator, the BWRSD Administration Offices can be located on the third floor.
- Allows the Town of Bristol the option to sell/ lease the Oliver School and the Reynolds School.
- Cost savings to the district achieved by eliminating maintenance and energy costs of a building dedicated solely to administration (currently Oliver School)
- Byfield is maintained as a school building, as was originally intended as one of the options in Phase II.
- Access to historical, environmental and cultural downtown resources.
- Reuse of old building diminishes the impact on the environment

Disadvantages

- Renovation and expansion is costly; perhaps matching the cost of building a new school with new building code changes governing schools.
- Will create another downtown school; getting away from the wishes of many to have neighborhood schools.
- Requires approval of all aspects of development by the Historic District Commission.

Mrs. Arsenault thanked Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Bento for their dedication to this project. Mrs. Arsenault had asked Mr. Joseph daSilva of RIDE where we get guidance for renovations; Mr. daSilva said it comes from RIDE and the RI Department of Health; because the buildings were closed, there is no grandfathering; reopening requires everything be up to code.

COURSE OF ACTION #4: Roger Williams University LAB School

COA #4 Finding

• For the purpose of this Task Force, COA #4 was not considered a viable option at this time since the outcome is completely out of our control. This is an initiative of Roger Williams University and may or may not go forward regardless of our need for classroom space.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BRISTOL AND WARREN TOWN COUNCILS

- Consider holding on to Byfield School as an option in the future for a two track school; the only school foreseen as usable in the future.
- Consider setting aside land for a neighborhood school where new developments occur.
- Both Town Councils should ensure that their planning and zoning boards consider the school resource consequences of large land residential development sites, large factory conversions into housing and affordable housing projects.
- Strongly recommend that the Comprehensive Plans of both towns address the impact of increased housing on school facilities.

- Use the 2010 census as one of the tools in making an informed decision.
- Since the Naomi Street property has serious DEM issues, continue to look throughout the Town of Bristol for a suitable site if Byfield School is no longer available and enrollment continues to increase.

CONCLUSION

- This Task Force left no stone unturned and feels confident that our recommendations are in the best interest of the students, parents, administrators and tax-payers of Bristol and Warren.
- Only COA #1, both options (A) and (B), can be recommended at this time.
- Due to the current elementary student population, today's economic climate and local budget constraints, COA #2 and #3 cannot be recommended at the present time.
- However, if an additional facility is deemed necessary in the future, we recommend that this Task Force reconvene to analyze the cost differentiation between an addition to Byfield School (if it is still available) or building a new school. Given the uncertainly of the economy, stimulus programs for school construction, availability of buildings, etc. it is impossible to predict at this time which COA would be most cost effective to the taxpayer.
- We recommend briefing this presentation to both Town Councils highlighting the benefits of putting forward the request of the School Committee to amend the enabling legislation allowing the referendum

to be put before the voters in the November 2010 election.

• The Bristol and Warren Town Councils possess the authority and influence to reduce or mitigate the enrollment concerns of this school district in the future.

Mr. Kenneth Marshall said this Task Force did an excellent job of pulling together information. The meeting with Commissioner Gist and Roger Williams University scheduled for March 12 has been postponed until April because the Commissioner was called to Washington D.C. for a Race to the Top meeting. The notion of a K-5 math, science, technology and language lab school still has potential, perhaps for RTTT funding; it interests the Commissioner and she is willing to discuss it. He thanked Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Bento for the presentation; he will keep them up to date with details as they emerge.

Mrs. Lynch thanked everyone who contributed to the effort, it was great diverse group to work with and there was a good deal of interesting debate. She opened the floor to questions.

Mr. Silva thanked Mrs. Lynch and everyone who participated; they spent a great deal of time and effort and did a very thorough job.

Mrs. Lynch stated that although they recommend COA 1A and 1B simultaneously, she asked administration to move forward with exploring programs. Mrs. Thies said that would take some time; any

type of program would be research-based and there needs to be an educational basis for the program; the other important piece would be to include parents and the school community as well; a survey and thorough planning would be needed; confidence in our programs is necessary in order to sustain them.

Mrs. Lynch said that if we reach the need for a long-term recommendation, they recommend reconvening the Task Force at that time. Mrs. McBride commented that it takes three to four years to do anything; time is needed for the planning of building projects, extensive meetings, presentation to the Department of Education and placement on the ballot; perhaps it would be prudent to start that Mrs. McBride also said it is her understanding that Roger now. Williams is interested in the Reynolds building; every idea for a Roger Williams and School District collaboration over the past nine years has "died on the vine"; she commended the team for not counting on this. Roger Williams did not go for the lab school because they did not get a grant for it and they are not willing to spend their own money. Mrs. McBride is nervous about the money it would take to renovate Byfield because she is nervous about the economy; but she recommends sooner rather than later. She liked the idea of a program at Hugh Cole, but elementary children are different in that their after school activities, such as Little League Baseball, Youth Soccer and religious classes are held in the town in which they reside; she favors the idea of all children on the same street attending the same school; this is why she voted no. She agrees with Mrs.

Rancourt that the Arts Magnet Program proved parents would send their children over town lines; she is worried about the timing. Mrs. Lynch understands that it takes years, but that action cannot be justified at this time; if there continues to be increases in the student population, it will have to be considered knowing it takes time. Regarding those who do not want another building on the Common, there are people who do not want a new school, so it is up to the voters. Mrs. McBride said Town Council support is also necessary; she does not want to find us with 40 to 50 student with no place to go; the Office of Civil Rights would never allow reopening Byfield without an elevator. Mrs. Lynch said the Town Councils would have to guide us on whether to go forward with a new school or an addition.

Mrs. Arsenault feels they are all nervous about what may be coming because of the desperate finances; at this point, the Task Force is able to say they researched all these possibilities and know what can and cannot be done. Triggers need to be developed by administration; the recommendation to change enabling legislation is in motion; there is time because we started before there was a real need.

Mrs. Campbell thanked the Task Force; regarding an incentive program at Hugh Cole, we are loosing our wiggle room in the schools; if it is going to take some time, we are at a perfect place and time to start that and to help boost science scores. Mrs. Campbell

feels there is parent interest; she encouraged the School Committee to start the process now. Mrs. Lynch said that is a decision for the School Committee and Administration. Also, COA #3 met with the Bristol Downtown Public Buildings Commission. Mrs. McBride, who is a member of the Commission, said they do not have any plans because they do not have any money, except for some for the Armory; those buildings will sit for a time. The Town's problem is they do not have a Facilities Director like Mr. Simmons to watch over the buildings and they were going to ask the District to take them back over so they do not suffer the same fate as Walley. She said the group also talked about selling Oliver.

Mr. Silva commended the Task Force for their complete exploration of all options; changing enabling legislation can be implemented as soon as the need arises, other solutions take years to implement, so a change in the legislation would give time to develop a long term solution. Mrs. Lynch feels we need a survey to assess parent interest.

Mrs. Thies also thanked the Task Force; their process was thorough and exhaustive; no stone was left unturned. The District is planning forward and is not going to be reactive; Dr. Michael Hall has been contacted to develop a survey; this is also in line with our Strategic Plan; we need time to do this and we need to keep a pulse on the enrollment numbers.

Mr. Saviano agreed with Mrs. Thies and believes this should be put on the "front burner" now, or better yesterday; we could get surprise enrollments over the summer.

Mr. Kevin Faria addressed the Committee saying there is a movement across the country toward charter schools; last week there was a 100,000 person rally against privatization of public schools; he urged everyone not to privatize schools. Mrs. Lynch said the District is not in favor of a charter school because they take money away from the District; we are now trying to work on a hybrid.

Mrs. Samantha Faria, who has gone through a Masters of Education program and taught at Henry Barnard, cautioned against lab schools; we have to think of what is best for our students, not Roger Williams and their students; this is not what she wants for our children; this is something to look at closely and we cannot think they are going to jump in and save the day.

Mr. O'Dell thought Mt. Vernon had given a figure to rehab Byfield. Mrs. Lynch said at the time it was \$6.6M and that was before the new rules and regulations were in place and did not include an addition; it comes down to what the voters want to do when we get to that point. Mr. O'Dell said then COA 1 is the way we really want to go, but he had a problem with developing a program for the sake of creating a carrot rather than for educational need; opening enabling legislation is the most cost effective way to deal with this. Mrs. Lynch said if we get a

large number of students, we would still have to spend money on a portable classroom and an additional teacher, so any other option is not free. Mr. O'Dell commented that if the voters vote no, so be it, but we must try that first. Mrs. Rancourt stated that the Task Force used the term "carrot" but this is more an opportunity to create a new and innovative program. Mrs. Campbell said she believes we are doing that; it would be more efficient to improve NECAP scores. Mrs. Thies agrees and stated we need to have flexibility and move forward with both components of COA 1 at the same time; we need to work toward a research-based program which we are doing with our math lab classrooms; it provides us with a little more impetus to move forward with programs we are interested in.

Mrs. Lynch thanked Mr. Silva for putting her in charge of this Task Force; it is a passion of hers. Mr. Silva thanked Mrs. Lynch and he also thanked Mr. Marshall for coming.

BUDGET FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell said their next meeting is March 15, 6:30 PM, in the Mt. Hope Cafeteria. He has requested a PowerPoint presentation from administration and invites the public to attend. Discussion and comments will follow the presentation. With only one Joint Finance meeting Mr. O'Dell wanted to give the public an opportunity to view the presentation and give input. Mrs. Campbell suggested an announcement through ConnectED. Mrs. McBride mentioned she will

probably not be able to attend that meeting because of a family commitment.

POLICY/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Campbell reported the meetings continue to be exciting; topics for the next meeting, April 5, 6:30 PM at Oliver, will be transportation policies; sexual harassment; chemical health; tobacco, alcohol and other drugs policy; and bullying and dating violence.

Wellness Committee

Mrs. Campbell said their next meeting is this Thursday, March 11 at 4:30 PM at Mt. Hope; they are planning a staff health fair and she asked anyone in a health-related business to contact her; last year's fair was a great success.

PERSONNEL/ CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Saviano said there is nothing remarkable going on.

FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Mrs. Lynch said they are taking a much needed break; she thanked Rebecca Fikiet for advancing the slides for the presentation; the next presentation is to both Town Councils in the beginning of April; this will be arranged through the Superintendent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:10 PM

MOTION: In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Brule motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:10 PM for legal advice from the attorney. Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Silva said no action will be taken in the session and none when open session resumes other than to adjourn.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING - 9:49 PM

In Executive Session, the Committee received legal advice from Attorney Henneous. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:50 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to adjourn at 9:50 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary

/c